

House Resolution 700

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Stephens of the 161st, Jordan of the 77th, Smyre of the 132nd, Dooley of the 38th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 90th birthday of Ms. Ellen Smith Martin; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Ellen Smith Martin, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and
4 esteemed citizen of the State of Georgia, celebrates her 90th birthday this year; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born on March 17, 1919 in Washington, Georgia, and obtained her
6 early education at the Wilkes County Washington Georgia High School before moving to
7 Atlanta in 1937 and receiving her Cosmetology Training Diploma in 1948 from Poro School
8 of Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, during her career, she worked at Crawford Long Hospital, Woolworths, and the
10 Atlantan Hotel; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Martin was united in love and marriage to the late Joe Martin in 1937 and
12 she was blessed with her son, the late Joseph L. Martin, and her loving and devoted
13 grandson, Russell Kent Martin, who resides in Chicago, Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, she is a woman of deep and abiding faith and the second oldest member of the
15 Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church, where she has long been an active member of the Gospel
16 Choir, the Trio Group of the Choir, Ward No.1, and the Junior Mother Circle; and

17 WHEREAS, this former Treasurer of the Pastoral Circle was awarded the "Unsung Hero
18 Award for 66 years of Service in 2004"; and

19 WHEREAS, known for her macaroni and cheese and sweet potato pies, Ms. Martin enjoys
20 gardening, sewing, and quilting in addition to cooking; and

21 WHEREAS, this community advocate has voted in every local, state, and federal election
22 since the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act and served as a local Voting Poll manager
23 for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, understanding, and kindness and by the example she has made of her life, she
26 makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be
27 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Ms. Ellen Smith Martin on the occasion of her 90th
30 birthday and extend to her the wish of many more years of happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ellen Smith Martin.